

REMARKS

Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested. This amendment and reply is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Claims 1-20 have been amended to further define the invention. Claims 1-20 are currently pending. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

1. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kiraly et al. ("Kiraly," U.S. 6,324,511). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Claims 1-20 have been amended to further define the invention.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a method of selecting and presenting user customizable preferences and recites:

providing a user interface display having a list of user preference selection fields, the user preference selection fields including a customizable selection field;

receiving a selection of the customizable selection field;

receiving a customized user preference value as an input value to the customizable selection field; and

presenting the customized user preference value in the list of user preference selection fields along with the customizable selection field.

Independent claims 10 is directed to a user interface configured to select and present user customizable preferences and recites:

means for providing a display having a list of user preferences selection fields, the user preference selection fields including a customizable selection field;

means for receiving a selection of the customizable selection field;

means for receiving a customized user preference value; and

means for presenting the customized user preference value along with the customizable selection in the list of user preference selection fields.

Independent claim 17 is directed to a processing system and recites, among other limitations:

provide a user interface display having a customizable selection field in a list of user preference selection fields;

receive a selection of the customizable selection field;

receive a customized user preference value; and

present the customized user preference value along with the customizable selection field in the list of user preference selection fields.

As discussed in the specification, the system and method for selecting and presenting user customizable preferences allows a user to see what has been set as a custom preference without having to go into secondary dialog boxes. See page 2, paragraph [0005]. In an exemplary embodiment, a drop down box of user specified preferences may include a number of selection fields or items including a Custom preference selection field or item. See, Figure 2, page 5, paragraph [0020]. A user may select the “Custom” preference selection field and enter a value to specify a user-defined preference. See, Figure 2 and Figure 4, page 5, paragraph [0020]. Once the custom value has been entered, the custom value is presented in the list of selection fields with the custom selection field, for example, in parenthesis next to the “Custom” selection field. See, Figure 4, page 6, paragraph [0024]. Accordingly, the user is able to see the value set as the customized selection in the drop down box (or user preference selection list). See, Figure 4, paragraph [0024]. In other words, the user

preferences selection list is modified so that the custom value input by the user is readily visible.

In contrast, Kiraly does not teach or suggest providing a user interface display having a list of user preference selection fields including a customizable selection field, receiving a customized user preference value as an input to the customizable selection field and presenting the customized user preference value in the list of user preference selection fields along with the customizable selection field. Rather, Kiraly discloses a system and method of providing language assistance to a computer user with dyslexia, reading disabilities or visual impairment that includes a control interface that allows the user to customize parameters of the system. See, Kiraly, Abstract, Figures 5a-7, col. 3, lines 11-19, col. 6, line 64 to col. 7, line 2 and col. 8, lines 46-56. Various graphical user interfaces, for example, the user interface shown in Figures 5a, 5b, 6 and 7, may be used to customize parameters of the system such as the size of the font, the color of the highlighted text, the volume of the synthesized speech, etc. See, Kiraly, Figures 5a-7, col. 6, lines 64-67, col. 12, lines 29-31, col. 12, lines 66-67, col. 13, lines 33-36 and col. 14, lines 21-24. For example, a user may click on a “highlight window” button 520 in a toolbar 500 to activate/deactivate a highlighter feature or a popup menu window 555 may be viewed by clicking a menu button 550. See, Figure 5a, col. 12; lines 35-37 and lines 52-54. There is, however, no teaching or suggestion in Kiraly of providing a customizable selection field in a display of a list of user preference selection fields and presenting a customized user preference value (input by a user) and the customizable selection field in the list of user preference selection fields. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 10 and 17 are believed to be allowable over Kiraly.

Claims 2-9 depend from amended claim 1 and incorporate all of the limitations of amended claim 1 and are therefore allowable over Kiraly for, among other reasons the same reasons as given above with respect to amended claim 1. Claims 11-16 depend from amended claim 10 and incorporate all of the limitations of amended claim 10 and are therefore allowable over Kiraly for, among other reasons, the same reasons as given above with respect to amended claim 10. Claims 18-20 depend from amended claim 17 and incorporate all of the limitations of amended claim 17 and are therefore allowable over Kiraly for, among other reasons, the same reasons as given above with respect to amended claim 17.

It is noted that in the Office Action the Examiner does not specifically cite a reference for the limitations of claim 7 (“wherein the user interface display is a display on a limited text entry device”), claim 15 (“wherein the user preference selection fields are presented in a drop down list”) and claim 16 (“further comprising means for communicating the customized user preference value to a host computer via network”). Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner provide a citation to a reference teaching such limitations.

Accordingly, claims 1-20 are believed to be allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and allowance of claims 1-20 is respectfully requested.

2. Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

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